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7   1.   (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing financial data, the

8   method comprising the steps of:

9   obtaining a plurality of data points related to a security,

10   each data point comprises associated data regarding the security;

11   designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

12   choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein

13   the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of individual data points,

14   not using an arithmetical pattern; and

15   examining the data of the chosen data point with the data of

16   the reference data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

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18   2.   (Cancelled)

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20   3.   (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[2]]1,

21   further comprising the step of ordering the chosen individual data points

22   according to an ordering function prior to the examining step, thereby producing

23   an ordered series and an ordered position corresponding to each chosen individual

24   data point.

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26   4.   (Original) The method as described in claim 3, further

27   comprising the step of reporting the data analysis.

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29   5.   (Cancelled)

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31   6.   (Cancelled)

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33   7.   (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the

34   examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

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36             $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%,$

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1   wherein "FROMPoint" is the reference point and "TOPoint" is each of the chosen

2   individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint

3   follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

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5   8.   (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the

6   examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

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8   $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%,$

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10 wherein "TOPoint" is the reference point and "FROMPoint" is each of the chosen

11 individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint

12 follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

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14 9.   (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the

15 reference point further comprises a plurality of reference individual data

16 points, there being a one-to-one correspondence between the reference individual

17 data points and the chosen individual data points.

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19 10.   (Original) The method as described in claim 9, wherein the

20 examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

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22 $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%$

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24 wherein each pair of "FROMPoint" and "TOPoint" are each corresponding reference

25 individual data point and chosen individual data point.

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27 11.   (Original) The method as described in claim 9, wherein the

28 examining step comprises utilizing a comparison expressed by the equation

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30 $((FROMPoint-TOPoint)/TOPoint)*100 = +/- \%$

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32 wherein each pair of "TOPoint" and "FROMPoint" are each corresponding reference

33 individual data point and chosen individual data point.

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35 12.   (Original) The method as described in claim 3, wherein the

36 ordering function comprises date order and each data point comprises the value

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1   of the security at a specific date.

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3   13.   (Original)   The method as described in claim 3, wherein the

4   ordering function comprises date-and-time order and each data point comprises a

5   value of the security at a specific date and time.

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7   14.   (Original)   The method as described in claim 3, further

8   comprising the step of exporting the data analysis to a second method of

9   analyzing financial data.

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11   15.   (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing financial data, the

12   system comprising:

13   a means for obtaining a plurality of data points related to a

14   security, each data point comprising associated data regarding the security;

15   a means for designating one of the data points as a reference

16   data point;

17   a means for choosing one of the data points as a chosen data

18   point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data

19   points, not using an arithmetical pattern;

20   a means for examining the data corresponding to the reference

21   data point with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby

22   producing a data analysis.

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24   16.   (Cancelled)

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26   17.   (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[16]]15,

27   wherein the examining means comprises a means for ordering the chosen data points

28   according to an ordering function, thereby producing an ordered series and an

29   ordered position corresponding to each chosen individual data point.

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31   18.   (Cancelled)

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33   19.   (Cancelled)

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35   20.   (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the

36   examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed

1   by the equation

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3                    $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%,$

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5   wherein "FROMPoint" is the reference point and "TOPoint" is each of the chosen

6   individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint

7   follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

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9   21.   (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the

10 examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed

11 by the equation

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13                    $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%,$

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15 wherein "TOPoint" is the reference point and "FROMPoint" is each of the chosen

16 individual data points, and each ordered position corresponding to TOPoint

17 follows in the ordered series the ordered position corresponding to FROMPoint.

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19   22.   (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the

20 reference point further comprises a plurality of reference individual data

21 points, there being a one-to-one correspondence between the reference individual

22 data points and the chosen individual data points.

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24   23.   (Original) The system as described in claim 22, wherein the

25 examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed

26 by the equation

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28                    $((TOPoint-FROMPoint)/FROMPoint)*100 = +/- \%$

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30 wherein each pair of "FROMPoint" and "TOPoint" are each corresponding reference

31 individual data point and chosen individual data point.

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33   24.   (Original) The system as described in claim 22, wherein the

34 examining means further comprises a means for performing a comparison expressed

35 by the equation

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1          $$((\text{FROMPoint}-\text{TOPoint})/\text{TOPoint})*100 = +/- \%$$

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3   wherein each pair of "TOPoint" and "FROMPoint" are each corresponding reference

4   individual data point and chosen individual data point.

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6   25.   (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the

7   ordering function comprises date order and each data point comprises a value of

8   the security on a specific date.

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10   26.   (Original) The system as described in claim 17, wherein the

11   ordering function comprises date-and-time order and each data point comprises a

12   value of the security at a specific date and time.

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14   27.   (Original)   The system as described in claim 17, further

15   comprising a means for exporting the data analysis to a second means of analyzing

16   financial data.

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18   28.   (Currently Amended) A method for analyzing data of a category,

19   the system comprising the steps of:

20   obtaining a plurality of data points related to the category,

21   each data point comprises associated data regarding the category;

22   designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

23   choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, <u>wherein</u>

24   <u>the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data points,</u> not

25   using an arithmetical pattern;

26   examining the data corresponding to the reference data point

27   with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby producing a data

28   analysis.

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30   29.   (Cancelled)

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32   30.   (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[29]]<u>28</u>,

33   further comprising the step of ordering the chosen data points prior to the

34   examining step.

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36   31.   (Original)   The method as described in claim 30, further

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comprising the step of reporting the data analysis.

32.   (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim [[29]]28, wherein the category comprises finance.

33.   (Original) The method as described in claim 32, wherein the associated data is chosen from the group consisting of sales data, inventory data, cost data, margin data, income tax data, depreciation data, and amortization data.

34.   (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing data of a category, the system comprising:

a means for obtaining a plurality of data points related to the category, each data point comprises associated data regarding the category;

a means for designating one of the data points as a reference data point;

a means for choosing one of the data points as a chosen data point, wherein the chosen data point further comprises a plurality of chosen data points, not using an arithmetical pattern;

a means for examining the data corresponding to the reference data point with the data corresponding to the chosen data point, thereby producing a data analysis.

35.   (Cancelled)

36.   (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[35]]34, wherein the examining means comprises a means for ordering the chosen data points prior to examining the data.

37.   (Original)   The system as described in claim 36, further comprising a reporting means to report the data analysis.

38.   (Currently Amended) The system as described in claim [[35]]34, wherein the category comprises finance.

39.   (Original) The system as described in claim 38, wherein the

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1   associated data is chosen from the group consisting of sales data, inventory

2   data, cost data, margin data, income tax data, depreciation data, and

3   amortization data.

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